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Subject: McGovern press conference on alleged C.I.A. assassination plots against Castro.

See, first, attached statement by McGovern and alleged Cuban "documentation" of plots.

Press conference covered by about 25 newsmen, plus six tv crews (NBC, CBS, ABC, German National, etc.) and six or seven radio commentators.

During half-hour conference--mostly it seemed for benefit of tv commentators who asked most questions, McGovern added little to his statement. He did say alleged Cuban "documentation" was delivered to his office "recently" by an "unknown" courier.

"Documentation" was contained in a 10 x 12 inch black binder similar to those used by college students. McGovern held up binder and turned pages slowly, principally it seemed for tv crews. Spanish and English texts shown in binder, together with many photos--mug shots of alleged "would-be" assassins of Castro and other high Cuban officials, and lethal equipment such as submachine guns, pistols, etc.

Ironically, while McGovern was releasing statements attacking C.I.A., C.I.A. Director William Colby was testifying before Senate Appropriations Committee meeting in executive session just a few rooms away.

Attitude of some sceptical newsmen who covered McGovern conference was expressed by one well-known correspondent who observed: "McGovern is acting like an agent for Castro."

Attachments

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